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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

You may have been keeping an eye on updates recently from the chancellor regarding job prospects and tackling the economic impact of Covid-19. I know that this has raised some questions regarding next steps, particularly steps for post-16 and post-18 options.

Be assured that we will support you throughout the rest of your time at college with regard to careers and further/higher education guidance. You will have received emails from me over the past couple of months with information, links and guidance about careers and options after leaving the college. I hope you have found these useful and valuable; I would value your feedback on anything that you have received.

This email seeks to give you more information and a range of resources regarding higher education for those considering going onto university or further education colleges and links explaining options and information surrounding apprenticeships both at post-16 level and higher degree apprenticeships. Current data from the DfE suggests that there have been significantly fewer people starting apprenticeship this year compared to 2019. However, this is to be expected given the Covid-19 pandemic. Care needs to be taken when using such data and the hope is that the chancellor's plans will address this fall. However, it is still worth noting that there has been a fall, particularly for those considering an apprenticeship in the immediate/near future.

Below are a range of links regarding higher education and apprenticeships.

- ▲ <https://www.push.co.uk/whygo.html> - An overview of the benefits of higher education
- ▲ <https://nextstepsw.ac.uk/resources/category/years-1213/> - A wide range of resources from Next Steps South West looking at higher education and apprenticeships
- ▲ <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/awareness-assemblies/> - Information about apprenticeships

There are also two videos regarding apprenticeships and higher degree apprenticeships that students can access remotely here: W:\Subjects Classwork\Careers.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. We have a committed careers advisor on-hand within the college who would be happy to provide you with information and guidance. I am also available to offer you any support I can regarding Sixth Form and options for life after college.

Best wishes and have a great summer.

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